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#### Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 47, November 2011

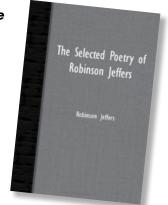
# THE BIG READ

The Library and the Writer's Voice are sponsoring **The Big Read**, a program from the National Endowment for the Arts designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American culture. This year we are reading **The Selected Poetry of Robinson Jeffers.** Jeffers is highly regarded as a poet who looked closely at human relationships with the natural world.

The poetry of Robinson Jeffers is emotionally direct, magnificently musical and philosophically profound. No one has ever written more powerfully about the

natural beauty of the American West. Determined to write a truthful poetry purged of ephemeral things, Jeffers cultivated a style at once lyrical, tough-minded and timeless.

Join the discussion! Stop at the Reference Desk to pick up a free copy of the book and sign up for a discussion. The Big Read hopes to unite communities through great literature, as well as inspire students to become lifelong learners.



## **Discussion Groups**~

- November 7, Monday, Noon Parmly Billings Library
- November 9, Wednesday, 7:00 pm Rocky Mountain College Library
- November 10, Thursday, 4:30 pm COT Community Library
- November 11, Friday, 7:00 pm Barnes & Noble
- November 12, Saturday, 11:00 am Parmly Billings Library

# Come Write In! It's National Novel Writing Month

#### What is NaNoWriMo?

**National Novel Writing Month** is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to novel writing. Participants begin writing on November 1. The goal is to write a 50,000 word, (approximately 175 page) novel by 11:59:59, November 30.

Valuing enthusiasm and perseverance over painstaking craft, NaNoWriMo is a novel-writing program for anyone who has thought fleetingly about writing a novel, but was scared away by the time and effort involved. Now there are no more excuses!

KICK-OFF: 5:30–6:30 pm, Tuesday, November 1, in the Large Study WRITE IN SESSIONS:

4–8 pm, Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, in the Large Study 1–4 pm, Saturdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26, in the Large Study

# Job Service Gives Classes for TEENS RÉSUMÉS & APPLICATIONS

Job Service will help you fill out job applications and give tips on improving or creating a résumé. Sign up for this free class by calling 657–8258.

Come at 3–4 pm, Wednesday, November 2, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INTERVIEWING

Job Service will help you improve your interviewing skills. Sign up for this free class by calling 657–8258.

Come at 3–4 pm, Wednesday, November 9, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

# News Views of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

The Foundation is grateful for all the tremendous community support given to *Our City, Our Future, Your Legacy* capital campaign. *Thank you, everyone!* 

**Stockman Bank** and their CEO, **Bill Coffee,** have really stepped forward.

The bank played a pivotal role early in the project by swapping parcels with the

City of Billings so there would be a parcel large enough to build a new library. Recently they followed up with a large donation. "We see this project as an investment in our community," states Coffee. "Libraries are important public buildings. We view our pledge as a means of expressing our dedication to making Billings the best city possible."

"We are thrilled to have Stockman Bank as one of our over 100 donors." said Leslie Modrow, Foundation Director. This type of leadership will get the bond passed and make our new Library a reality." The bank's gift is contingent

upon the Library bond passing. The mail-in ballots have been mailed and

Stockman Bank

are due before November 8.

For more information on how you can make a difference, please contact *Leslie Modrow*, Development Director of the Foundation, 237–6149 or email *leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org* 



"We're big readers and the Friends Book Sale is a great place to stock up on books plus help the Library," declared **Lenore Pfaff** of Miles City. "The latest books!" added her sister, **Beverly Pfaff** of Billings.

"Since I love to read and retired in July, I want to get involved with the Friends," offered Billings' **Judy Flugstad.** Welcome to our Wednesday morning work sessions!

Billings' teacher **Mike Bongurang** arrived ready to "stock up on films and CDs for my Social Studies classroom." Crow Agency hospital staff-person **Lori Byron** pushed and pulled three overflowing boxes of children's books to the check-out counter for the hospital's "Reach out and read" program. She then headed back to the stacks for adult books.



**Susan Zimmerman** of Billings summed it up: "This is the best bargain in town!"

Thanks to so many people, *our sales surpassed last year's total*. As always, these funds will further the Library's collections and programs. Speaking of the latter, the Friends were happy to sponsor the recent concert by classical guitarist Peter Fletcher.

"The rain has scrubbed the sky free of stars." ~Abraham Verghese, Cutting for Stone

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#### PROGRAM: LOSING: WHEN SENATE **INCUMBENCY FAILS**

Sunday

When an incumbent attracts a high quality opponent—who wins, who loses and why? David Parker is a political scientist at Montana State University in Bozeman, whose current research examines competitive Senate campaigns between 1980 and 1992. His work draws from archival collections, oral interviews, newspaper accounts and national election data.

Monday

Join him at 7pm, Tuesday, November 8, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

## **TECH CLASSES@THE LIBRARY:**

Classes are always held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Computer Classroom. Please pre-register by calling 657-8258.

- Every Tuesday, 11am: topics vary, see calendar above
- Every Tuesday, 2pm: Intro to Computers
- Every Tuesday, 3pm: Basic Keyboarding
- Every other Wednesday (Nov. 2, 16, 30), 11am: Lowdown on the Downloads
- Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 4-6 pm: **Open Lab for Microsoft Word & Excel**

In the open lab, students utilize Microsoft's own online tutorials with a headset at their own pace. Hands-on practice is part of the tutorials, and an instructor is available during lab time.

# **TECH@THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY:**

Participants should meet in the Library at the College of Technology. Please pre-register by calling 657-8258.

# Introduction to Microsoft Office

- Thursday, November 3, 4:30 pm: Basic Word
- Thursday, November 10, 4:30pm: Basic Excel
- Thursday, November 17, 4:30pm: Basic PowerPoint

On our website, there's a wealth of information and entertainment!

www.billings.lib.mt.us

And, the latest Bookmobile Calendar! Download November's schedule there, too.

# Take the Children's Reading Challenge~November 13-21

**Thursday** 

Wednesday

**Tuesday** 

The Children's Reading Challenge encourages young people ages 2-12 to check out and read books! Get your "Reading Challenge" bookmark at the Library November 13–21 or online at www.billings.lib.mt.us. Participants are "challenged" to check out five books from the Library, read and then record them on the bookmark to earn a reading prize. Completed bookmarks must be returned to Children's Services by Monday, December 5. Children returning bookmarks may also register for drawings of special prizes. Be sure to check

out the Library's great selection of holiday materials.

# PROGRAM: CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT

Children's author Curt Layman, author of The Christmas **Cheese**, is doing a special presentation for kids that includes a book signing. Books will be available for purchase. Join us 1pm, Saturday, November 12, Children's Department.

# Kids' Fall Craft Project

Children ages 3-12 and up are invited come and make a Fall Kid's Craft. We'll provide the materials. To register, call Children's Services at 657-8256.

Join us from 4–5pm, Friday, November 18, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

## FOR TEENS: WRITING WORKSHOP

Young adult author Rebecca Gahagan is facilitating. Register at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Reference Desk or call 657-8258.

Join us at  $4-5 \, pm$ , Thursday, November 3, on the  $3^{rd}$  Floor.

# **FOR TEENS: TEEN GAMING DAY!**

It's the 4th Annual **National Gaming Day.** Test your video and board game skills! For more details, call 657-8258.

Come at 2-4 pm, Saturday, November 12, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

# **FOR TEENS: BOOK BUZZ**

We're reading **The Grimm Legacy**, a fantasy-adventure novel by **Polly Shulman**. Call 657-8258 for a *FREE* book. Come 4-5 pm, Thursday, November 17, to the Teen Pit.

# **Library Hours**

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm *Friday* 10am-6pm

Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 1pm-5pm

Saturday

## **Helpful Information**

## Phone numbers ~

Friday

Hours: 657-8259 Infomobile: 657-3091 Reference: 657-8258 Senior/Homebound: 657-8255

TDD/TTY: 657-3079 Children's: 657-8256 Foundation: 237-6149 Friends of the Library: 237-6170

Webpage ~www.billings.lib.mt.us

**Email** ~ refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

# Story Time Programs ~

Story Time with Carina! Mondays, 12:30-1pm

Story Time Tales

Tuesdays, 10:30-11am (3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Tales & Tots Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (2-3 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Story Time Tales
Thursdays, 10:30-11am (3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Books & Babies Lap-Sit Thursdays, 3:15-4pm Fridays, 10:15-11am (babies & parent/caregiver)

# Video Programs ~

Movie Time @ the Library Fridays, 10:30-11am